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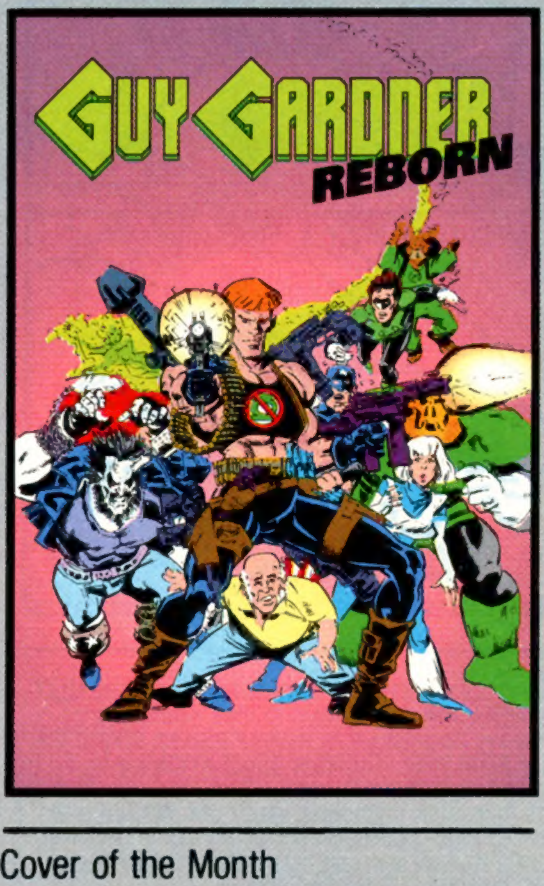


Cover of the Month
GUY GARDNER: REBORN #1

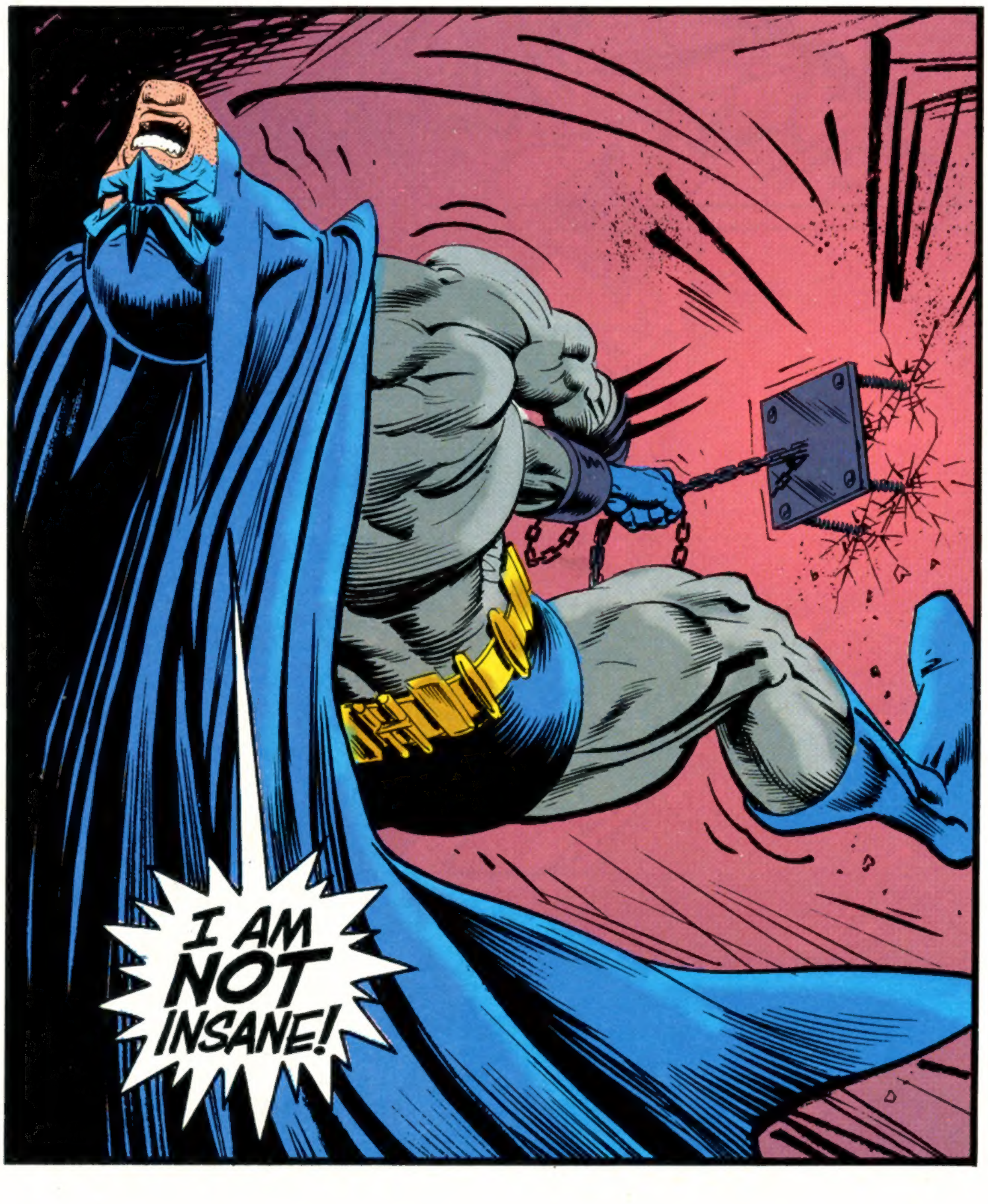
THE SHADOW OF THE BAT... AND THAT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING!

Over Gotham City falls... **THE SHADOW OF THE BAT!** It's the debut of an all-new ongoing monthly series starring the Dark Knight Detective. Written by Alan Grant and featuring art by Norm Breyfogle, BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT will develop the character of the Batman beyond the current Batman titles.

Set within the current Batman continuity in the DC Universe, BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT begins with a 4-part story arc, shipping biweekly, as Batman encounters Jeremiah Arkham, the nephew of the mad Amadeus Arkham, founder of Arkham Asylum. The insanity may be hereditary, and Batman once again is caught up in the Arkham madness.

To make this event really special, BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #1 is also being offered in a special collector's set, including a copy of SHADOW OF THE BAT #1, a pop-up of Arkham Asylum that is identical to the in-store display. The set also includes these exclusive items: two posters of the Brian Stelfreeze covers for SHADOW OF THE BAT #1 and #2, an architectural blueprint of Arkham Asylum, and an exclusive die-cut SHADOW OF THE BAT bookmark.

But that's not all the Dark Knight excitement for the month...and we're not just talking about the regular monthly appearances of BATMAN and ROBIN in the pages of LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT, BATMAN, and DETECTIVE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COMICS (not to mention Batman's and Robin's roles in DC's Summer Annual crossover event ECLIPSO: THE DARKNESS WITHIN)!

There's also the special **BATMAN COLLECTION #1**, packaged in an attractive slipcase, featuring 4 popular trade paperbacks: BATMAN: THE DARK KNIGHT RETURNS, BATMAN: YEAR ONE, BATMAN: ARKHAM ASYLUM, and CATWOMAN: HER SISTER'S KEEPER. These 4 trade paperbacks are offered together as a set at a saving to you of $15.00.

Next up is **THE GREATEST BATMAN STORIES EVER TOLD Volume 2**, a new trade paperback collection reprinting 18 thrilling tales spotlighting Catwoman and the Penguin, DC characters prominently featured in the upcoming Warner Bros.' film *Batman Returns*. THE GREATEST BATMAN STORIES EVER TOLD Volume 2 features stories by Bob Kane, Jerry Robinson, Dick Sprang, Sheldon Moldoff, Steve Englehart, Marshall Rogers, Dennis O'Neil, and many others, and sports a new cover painted by Norm Breyfogle.

That would be enough for any Batman fan...but it doesn't end there! DC also offers **DARK KNIGHT ARCHIVES Volume 1**, a hardcover collection reprinting the Golden Age BATMAN #1-4, continuing DC's acclaimed ARCHIVES editions. And don't forget the trade paperback edition of the popular hardcover **BATMAN & DRACULA: RED RAIN**, a tale of *Elseworlds* by writer Doug Moench and artists Kelley Jones and Malcolm Jones III.

And, since we're on a roll, we're also offering the trade paperback collection of **BATMAN: GOTHIC**, reprinting the popular story arc from BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #6-10, written by Grant Morrison, illustrated by Klaus Janson, with an introduction by F. Paul Wilson. GOTHIC graphically dramatizes Batman's search for a brutal serial killer with the peculiar assistance of Gotham's criminal element.

Exhausted yet? Well, hold on, because we're almost done... with two special one-shot Prestige Format books, **CATWOMAN DEFIANT** and **PENGUIN TRIUMPHANT**. In CATWOMAN DEFIANT (written by Peter Milligan with art by Tom Grindberg and Dick Giordano) the Catwoman is a pawn in a trap to capture a Gotham City crime boss. It's up to Batman to save this beauty from "the beast." In PENGUIN TRIUMPHANT (written by John Ostrander, with art by Joe Staton and Robin Smith) the Penguin decides to become a legitimate businessman. His desire is to crush Bruce Wayne ...and puzzle the Batman. Each of these 48-page books features a fully-painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze and specially accented logo designs, designed to be displayed side by side.

So be here in May...just one Month of the Batman!

Paul Kupperberg, Writer
Tom McCraw, Colorist
Patricia Jeres, Editor

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GUY GARDNER: REBORN!

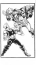
Well, Hal Jordan's reclaimed his position as Green Lantern of Earth. And, as part of their deal, GUY GARDNER'S agreed to quit the Green Lantern Corps and relinquish his ring.

Without his powers, what's a GUY to do?

Here's where you'll find out, as Guy Gardner, with help from Lobo, the main man himself, explores several astounding — and damaging — possibilities in GUY GARDNER: REBORN. Combining action with humor... guts with guns... and spit with fire, GUY GARDNER: REBORN features everybody's favorite GUY the way fans wanna see him... kickin' major butt and causin' major-league trouble wherever he happens to land.

GUY GARDNER: REBORN is a three-issue Prestige Format miniseries, written by Gerard Jones, with art and covers by Joe Staton and Joe Rubinstein.

GUY GARDNER: REBORN... it's how we here at DC Comics spell trouble. With a capital "GUY!"



ARION THE IMMORTAL... FOREVER JUST GOT LONGER!

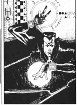
He lives on the 13th floor of New York's Carney Hall Building, crammed into a tiny room filled with memorabilia. He makes a living scamming tourists at 3-card monte and chess and makes his friends among the denizens of Washington Square Park and the Lower East Side.

He's **ARION THE IMMORTAL,** once the most powerful sorcerer of them all, not to mention the King of the World. But now he's just another old man in the streets of the city, taking his pleasure in the company of young Amanda and delighting in shortchanging his arch-nemesis, the Lord of Chaos, now a deli owner on New York's Lower East Side.

Yep, the Immortal's life was pretty quiet and complete... until Darkworld fell asleep again, to dream the Dream that gave birth to Atlantean magic, forcing the Immortal to leave the quiet of his present existence and take up the mantle of the old days.

ARION THE IMMORTAL is a 6-issue miniseries written by Paul Kupperberg, with art by Ron Wilson and Jerry Acerno, and featuring covers by Randy DuBurke.

ARION THE IMMORTAL... remember when living forever used to be some kind of fun?



ECLIPSO: THE DARKNESS WITHIN...
DC'S SUMMER ANNUAL CROSSOVER EVENT

There exists within everyone a dark side. Even the greatest heroes can face the temptation of evil.

Even they can face the threat of ECLIPSO: THE DARKNESS WITHIN.

The story begins in the first of two bookend issues surrounding this summer's special and spectacular Annual Event, encompassing 18 DC Comics Annuals.

Eclipso, the banished god of Vengeance has found a way to manifest himself once again. This time he has the means, through his shattered black diamond (called the Heart of Darkness), to transmogrify a host-possessor of a gem fragment into an Eclipso, or to evoke an Eclipso through the holder. How each DC hero is affected by this vicious villain maintains a heightened level of suspense throughout the 20 issues of this crossover. To represent the power of Eclipso's gem, the cover of THE DARKNESS WITHIN #1 features a deep purple, 3-dimensional, faceted, plastic oval gem.

ECLIPSO: THE DARKNESS WITHIN is written by Keith Giffen and Robert Loren Fleming, with art by Bart Sears, Randy Elliott, and Mark Pennington.

ECLIPSO: THE DARKNESS WITHIN is DC's heroes transformed... and this is only the beginning!

ECLIPSO: THE DARKNESS WITHIN Saga
Can Be Found In:

ECLIPSO: THE DARKNESS WITHIN #1
SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL ANNUAL #1
GREEN LANTERN ANNUAL #1
DETECTIVE COMICS ANNUAL #5
SUPERMAN ANNUAL #4
JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA ANNUAL #6
THE DEMON ANNUAL #1
GREEN ARROW ANNUAL #5
FLASH ANNUAL #5
ACTION COMICS ANNUAL #4
HAWKWORLD ANNUAL #3
ROBIN ANNUAL #1
DEATHSTROKE ANNUAL #1
NEW TITANS ANNUAL #8
L.E.G.I.O.N. ANNUAL #3
JUSTICE LEAGUE EUROPE ANNUAL #3
WONDER WOMAN ANNUAL #3
BATMAN ANNUAL #16
ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN ANNUAL #4
ECLIPSO: THE DARKNESS WITHIN #2

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☐ **ALL STAR ARCHIVES, VOLUME 1**
They were the first superheroes... the classic, legendary heroes of the Golden Age of comics, the Justice Society of America. Now, re-presented in their entirety for the first time, in chronological order, are ALL STAR COMICS #3-6, the first four adventures of the JSA, starring such Golden Age heroes as Flash, Green Lantern, Hawkman, Sandman, the Spectre, Doctor Fate, the Atom, and Hourman in stories by some of the greatest creators of the 1940s. Comics historian and *Comics Buyer's Guide* co-editor Don Thompson provides the introduction to this deluxe hardcover volume. 272 pages. *(Hardcover)* $49.95

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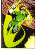
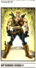
☐ **GREEN LANTERN T-SHIRT**
Here we got a T-shirt for you! GREEN LANTERN Hal Jordan is featured on this 100% cotton black T-shirt in a piece of art by fan-favorite John Byrne. GREEN LANTERN is hotter than ever, and you won't want to miss showing everyone who your favorite hero is by wearing this fabulous T-shirt, available in sizes Medium, Large, and Extra-large. $14.95



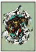
GREEN LANTERN T-SHIRT

☐ **GUY GARDNER: REBORN #1**
(of a 3-book miniseries)
Now that he's lost his power ring in his fight with Hal Jordan (in GREEN LANTERN #25), what'd you think Guy Gardner's gonna do? Just what he's always done... kick major butt. Only now he's got to do it on his own, using heavy armaments to confront Bonifaze and his gang to see if he's still got what it takes to be a hero! **And who is he going to get to train him to be B-A-D? Who but the Main Man? Lobo, that's who!** Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by Joe Staton and Joe Rubinstein. *(Prestige Format)* $4.95



GUY GARDNER: REBORN #1

☐ **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANNUAL #3**
Continued from "The Quiet Darkness" saga as Brin Londo becomes the all-new, and ferociously feral Timber Wolf... who relocates to the 20th Century for a new series of adventures that will continue later this year in an all-new TIMBER WOLF mini-series. Written by Al Gordon, with art by Joe Phillips, with help from Rob Haynes and Ian Montgomery, inked by Al Gordon and John Dell. Then, the Legionnaires meet, en masse, for a reunion, where a shocking secret about one of the Legion's founding members is revealed. Written by Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art by Brandon Peterson and Scott Hanna. Cover by Keith Giffen and Gordon. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.50



LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANNUAL #3

☐ **DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #12**
Continued from SUPERMAN #68: The Man of Steel delivers a captured Deathstroke into the hands of the C.I.A. But he doesn't remain there long. Staging a surprise breakout, it is left to guest stars Aquaman, Green Lantern, and Flash to recapture him. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Steve Erwin and Will Blyberg. Cover by Mike Zeck. *(New Format)* $1.75

DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #12

☐ **BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #33**
Part 2 of the 3-part "Blades," now appearing biweekly: While the Cavalier cuts a swath through Gotham's underworld, Batman faces a greater challenge as he saves an aging film star from the wrath of Mr. Limo... but is unable to catch the elusive serial killer. Written by James Robinson, with art and cover by Tim Sale. *(Deluxe Format)* $1.75

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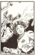
☐ **SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #25**
The conclusion of the 5-part "The Road": Shade discovers what lies in the ditch and the Changing Man must face the ultimate challenge—deciding where to go when there's nowhere left to run! Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Chris Bachalo and Mark Pennington. Painted cover by Brendan McCarthy. *(New Format. Suggested for Mature Readers.)* $1.75

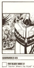
☐ **STAR TREK® #33**
Part 4 of the 4-part "Veritas": Kirk and the *Enterprise*® race against time to rescue Uhura and Sulu on Beta before Colonel Cevok and his death squad track down and kill the two officers. Written by Howard Weinstein, with art by Gordon Purcell and Al Vey. Cover by Purcell and Jerome Moore. *(New Format)* $1.75



STAR TREK® #33

☐ **HAWKWORLD #24**
Part 4 of the 5-part "Escape from Thanagar": Rebel leader Katar Hol presents the rulers of Thanagar with his proposed constitution while Shayera returns to Earth, sent there by the rulers of Thanagar to keep her out of the way. Written by John Ostrander, with art by Graham Nolan and Rick Bryant. Cover by Nolan. *(New Format)* $1.50

☐ **L.E.G.I.O.N. '92 #41**
L.E.G.I.O.N. realizes one soon is to investigate a terrifying and massive alien space hulk that appears in a nearby sector of space... and Lady Quark steals a ship to protect the intruder! Written and penciled by Barry Kitson, and inked by Robin Smith. *(New Format)* $1.50



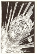
HAWKWORLD #24

☐ **THE BLACK HOOD #7**
"Harlen Wears the Hood" is a bizarre history lesson in the form of a nursery rhyme that tells of the founding of Seaside City and the story of the criminlords known as the Patriarchs! Also, the newest Black Hood leaves something of the hood's power. Written by Mark Wheatley, with art and cover by Rick Burchett. $1.25

☐ **FLASH #66**
Flash is taken hostage by the Marine Marauder aboard a pleasure cruise. Aquaman would be the perfect hero to come to the rescue... except he's under the villain's power, too! Written by Mark Waid, with art and cover by Michael Collins and Jose Marzan, Jr. $1.25

☐ **GREEN LANTERN: MOSAIC #3**
Wanting to know why he's been excluded from the new Green Lantern Corps, Chip grabs Salaak and heads for Oa, where John Stewart tries to find out who is destroying the road, a quest that could prove deadly. Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by Cully Hamner and Dan Panosian. $1.25

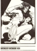
☐ **SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #13**
Superman confronts Cerberus face to "faces" in what could be the end for the Man of Steel's most recent foe! Written by Louise Simonson, with art and cover by Jon Bogdanove and Dennis Janke. $1.25



SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #13

☐ **THE WEB #11**
Silver confronts a past nemesis. Meanwhile, Fathco starts the posse's training. Written by Len Strazewski, with art by Hoang Nguyen and Mike DeCarlo. Cover by Jae Lee and John Beatty. $1.25

☐ **WONDER WOMAN® #64**
Joining her friend Inspector Ed Indelicato in the search for a kidnapped child, Wonder Woman learns firsthand how he investigates a crime and becomes involved in some police work herself. Written by William Messner-Loebs, with art by Jill Thompson and Denis Rodier. Cover by Brian Bolland. $1.25



WONDER WOMAN® #64

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☐ **THE BATMAN COLLECTION #1**
Presented together for the first time in a special slipcase set are 4 BATMAN trade paperback books, at a saving of $15.30. The shrink-wrapped slipcase features the Batman logo in metallic blue, while the books in this collection give diverse portraits of Batman from some of the greatest talents in comics. Included are BATMAN: THE DARK KNIGHT RETURNS by Frank Miller, with Lynn Varley; BATMAN: YEAR ONE by Miller and David Mazzucchelli, with Varley; BATMAN: ARKHAM ASYLUM by Grant Morrison and Dave McKean; and CATWOMAN: HER SISTER'S KEEPER by Mindy Newell, J.J. Birch, and Michael Bair, with a cover by Brian Stelfreeze. This is a limited offer, so don't delay. (BATMAN: ARKHAM ASYLUM and CATWOMAN: HER SISTER'S KEEPER are suggested for mature readers.) $37.79

☐ **ECLIPSO: THE DARKNESS WITHIN #1**
This "bookend" kicks off DC's Annuals crossover event for the summer of 1992, reintroducing Eclipso as perhaps the deadliest and most powerful villain in the DC Universe. The first chapter of the saga features Superman, Valor, and the Creeper, as Eclipso, the evil god of vengeance, unleashes a plot to plunge the world into eternal darkness, planning to rule the world by possessing its mightiest super-heroes. The cover of ECLIPSO: THE DARKNESS WITHIN #1 features a deep purple, 3-dimensional, faceted oval "gem," to represent Eclipso's diamond. Written by Keith Giffen and Robert Loren Fleming, with art by Bart Sears, Randy Elliott, and Mark Pennington. Cover by Sears and Pennington. 64 pages. $2.50

ECLIPSO: THE DARKNESS WITHIN #1

☐ **HELLBLAZER #55**
Part 4 of the 4-part "Royal Blood": John Constantine performs the most dangerous exorcism of his life to rid London of the demon Calabraxis. Written by Garth Ennis, with art by Will Simpson. Painted cover by Glenn Fabry. (*New Format. Suggested for Mature Readers.*) $1.75

☐ **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #31**
Element Lad and his best friend Shvaughn reach a turning point when Shvaughn's life — and gender — changes. Plus, more on the new teenage Legionnaires. Written by Keith Giffen and Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art by Colleen Doran, Curt Swan, Al Gordon, and Karl Kesel. Cover by Doran and Gordon. (*New Format*) $1.75

LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #31

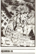
☐ **THE NEW TITANS #88**
Donna Troy makes a stunning announcement regarding her health that will change her life forever. The action accelerates with Changeling vs. Terra and Troia vs. Redwing, while Pantha has to change Baby Wildebeest's diapers. Plus, Nightwing gets a new look and a new costume. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Tom Grummett, Joe Stabona and Al Vey. Cover by Grummett and Vey. (*New Format*) $1.75

☐ **STAR TREK™: THE NEXT GENERATION™ #35**
Shipping biweekly in May, June and July. The enigmatic Q returns to bedevil the *Enterprise*™ by playing a practical joke on Picard during a sensitive diplomatic mission, with peculiar consequences for the Klingons. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Ken Penders and Pablo Marcos. Cover by Jerome Moore. (*New Format*) $1.75

☐ **THE DEMON #25**
During the Black Plague, a Medieval judge was cursed to walk the earth as an immortal. Now, 600 years later, he's out for blood — Jason Blood. But when Etrigan, the Demon is summoned, the Judge may have met his match. Written by Keith Giffen and Robert Loren Fleming, with art by Val Semeiks and Robin Smith. Cover by Semeiks and Karl Kesel. (*New Format*) $1.50

☐ **SANDMAN #39**
Continuing "Convergence," a series of short stories, the young Marco Polo finds himself in the Gobi Desert in a tale of the 13th Century, Kublai Kahn, and Sandman. Written by Neil Gaiman, with art by John Watkiss. Painted cover by Dave McKean. (*New Format. Suggested for Mature Readers.*) $1.50

☐ **AQUAMAN #8**
Demon queen-slave as Aquaman becomes the target of a deadly assassin and is led on a chase across the rooftops of New York City. Written by Shaun McLaughlin, with art by Ken Hooper and Bob Dvorak. Cover by Hooper and Art Nichols. $1.25



AQUAMAN #8

☐ **BATMAN #481**
Now shipping biweekly. Part 1 of the 2-part "Messenger of Zeus": While Maxie Zeus is still running things from Arkham Asylum, his mad consort is up to no good and Batman must stop her. Plus, meet a new villain — The Harpy. Written by Doug Moench, with art and cover by Jim Aparo. $1.25

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☐ **THE JAGUAR #11**
Jaguar is forced to defend the life of a comedienne who has ridiculed her, while Tracy tries to capture Maria's transformation into the Jaguar on videotape. Written by William Messner-Loebs, with art by Chuck Wojtkiewicz, Ken Penders, and Jerry Acerno. Cover by Mark Beachum and Art Nichols. $1.25

☐ **JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #64**
Maxima fights for the survival of her homeworld, Almerac, with the help of Superman, Blue Beetle, Booster Gold, Fire, Ice, and Bloodwynd... but even the combined might of the Justice League may not be able to stop Starbreaker. Written and pencilled by Dan Jurgens, and inked by Rick Burchett. Cover by Jurgens and Burchett. $1.25

☐ **SUPERMAN #69**
Part 1 of the 3-part "The Pursuit of Liberty": The Sons of Liberty make a desperate attempt to achieve their own brand of justice by having Superman's friend Pete Ross commit murder for their cause. Continued in ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #492. Written by Dan Jurgens, with art by Peter Krause and Keith Williams. Cover by Jurgens and Brett Breeding. $1.25

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☐ **MS. TREE SPECIAL #1**
Ms. Tree's baby has been kidnapped and she'll stop at nothing to get back her child. Written by Max Allan Collins, with art by Terry Beatty and Gary Kato. Painted cover by Bo Hampton. 64 pages. *(New Format, Suggested for Mature Readers)* $3.95

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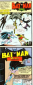
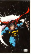
☐ **THE GREATEST BATMAN STORIES EVER TOLD VOLUME 2 TRADE PAPERBACK**
This timely companion volume to THE GREATEST BATMAN STORIES EVER TOLD reprints 18 thrilling tales spotlighting the Catwoman and the Penguin, both featured in the upcoming Warner Bros. motion picture *Batman Returns*. Collectors will recall and new readers will discover such historic issues as Catwoman's first appearance in BATMAN #1 and Penguin's introduction in DETECTIVE #58. Included are stories and art by renowned Batman interpreters as Bob Kane, Dennis O'Neil, Dick Giordano, Steve Englehart, Terry Austin, Norm Breyfogle, and many others. The introduction is by comics, movie and television writer Martin Pasko. Painted cover by Norm Breyfogle. 256 pages. $15.95



THE GREATEST BATMAN STORIES

☐ **SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL ANNUAL #1**
"The Darkness Within" Annual Crossover Event continues. Eclipso makes his first move in Metropolis, trying to neutralize Earth's solar-oriented defenders: Superman, Starman, and Rampage. But if they are stopped, will anything be able to stop Eclipso? Written by Roger Stern and Robert Loren Fleming, with art by Chuck Wojtkiewicz and Brad Vancata. Cover by Joe Quesada and Jimmy Palmiotti. 64 pages. $2.50



SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL ANNUAL #1

☐ **ANIMAL MAN #49**
Animal Man must survive the final passage to achieve his goal as a true animal master. His test is the life-destroying Pentagon. Written by Tom Veitch, with art by Steve Dillon. Cover by Brian Bolland. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #34**
Part 3 of the 3-part "Blades": A final confrontation with the serial killer Mr. Lime leaves Batman wounded and forced into a duel to the death with rival crimefighter the swashbuckling Cavalier. Written by James Robinson, with art and cover by Tim Sale. *(Deluxe Format)* $1.75

☐ **SWAMP THING #121**
The malevolent Sunderland Corporation returns... and the company's new CEO has vowed vengeance on Swamp Thing. Written by Nancy A. Collins, with art by Scot Eaton and Kim DeMulder. Painted cover by John Higgins. *(New Format)* $1.75

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SWAMP THING #121

☐ **ARION, THE IMMORTAL #1**
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
Arion, Lord of Atlantis, has been alive on Earth for over 50,000 years...and now makes his living scamming rubes at three-card monte in the streets of New York. But when the inexplicable happens and the magic of ancient Atlantis returns, Arion is again endowed with his powers and youth, unleashing a host of magical creatures upon the Earth...and aggravation into his life. Written by Paul Kupperberg, with art by Ron Wilson and Jerry Acerno. Cover by Randy DuBurke. $1.50

☐ **BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #1**
Beginning with biweekly issues, a new, ongoing Batman title debuts! In Part 1 of the 4-part "The Last Arkham," Arkham Asylum has a new warden, Jeremiah Arkham, the nephew of the asylum's founder, Amadeus. And Jeremiah's big plans for Gotham's madhouse include incarcerating Batman. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Norm Breyfogle. Painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze. (New Format) $1.50

☐ **BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #1 COLLECTOR'S SET**
To celebrate this new Batman title, DC offers a special Collector's Set, sealed in a 2-color polybag featuring a copy of BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #1 (written by Alan Grant, with art by Norm Breyfogle, and painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze); two 4-color posters (each measuring 13" × 17 1/2") of the painted covers by Brian Stelfreeze to SHADOW OF THE BAT #1-2; a pop-up of Arkham Asylum, identical to the in-store display; a blueprint of Arkham Asylum; and an exclusive die-cut BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT bookmark. It's a special offer to go with the special event of this new title! $2.50

☐ **L.E.G.I.O.N. '92 #42**
The L.E.G.I.O.N. is asked to intervene in a rebellion on the planet Hatsulinia...but Phase feels the team might be on the wrong side, fighting the rebels. Plus, Amon Hakk is taken as a prisoner of war, and Lobo buries his pet dolphin, returning to the group with a bad attitude. Written and penciled by Barry Kitson, with art by Robin Smith. (New Format) $1.50

☐ **LOBO'S BACK #3**
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
Lobo's reincarnation as Bimbo doesn't last long as he, er...she is killed, only to be reincarnated yet again as a higher life form...a squirrel. A squirrel? Written by Keith Giffen and Alan Grant, with art and painted cover by Simon Bisley. (New Format; Suggested for Mature Readers.) $1.50

☐ **ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #492**
Part 2 of the 2-part "The Pursuit of Liberty," continued from SUPERMAN #69. The Sons of Liberty are destroyed... at the hands of their own Agent Liberty! Written by Jerry Ordway, with art by Peter Krause and Mike Machlan. Cover by Dan Jurgens and Walt Simonson. $1.25

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #492

☐ **THE BLACK CONDOR #3**
Who is the Sky Pirate? What evil plans does he have for the group of businessmen who cheated him? The Black Condor couldn't care less, but chances are he'll be involved anyway. Written by Brian Augustyn, with art and cover by R.A. Morales. $1.25

☐ **THE LEGEND OF THE SHIELD #12**
It's the final showdown between Joe Higgins, the Shield, and his father, General Higgins, when the Shield is court-martialed and a violent confrontation pits Joe against the villainous Arvell Hauser. Written by Grant Miehm and Mark Waid, with art and cover by Miehm. $1.25

☐ **ARMAGEDDON: INFERNO #4**
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
Things look bad for DC's time-traveling heroes... and it's up to the legendary Justice Society of America, which reappears from Ragnarok, to save the day. **This issue returns the JSA to the regular continuity of the DC Universe.** Written by John Ostrander, with art by Dick Giordano, Luke McDonnell, Frank McLaughlin, and Bruce N. Solotoff, with special splash pages by Arthur Adams, Walter Simonson and Mike Netzer. Cover by Netzer and Joe Rubinstein. $1.50

☐ **GREEN LANTERN #28**
Part 1 of the 3-part "Evil Star Rising": Returning to Earth as Green Lantern, Hal seeks to resume his relationship with his first love, Carol Ferris. But standing in his way is Evil Star! Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by M.D. Bright and Romeo Tanghal. $1.00

GREEN LANTERN #28

☐ **THE RAY #6**
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
In the conclusion of this miniseries, Ray is in space, desperately searching to find a way to communicate with a sentient light being about to destroy Earth. Written by Jack C. Harris, with art by Joe Quesada and Art Nichols. $1.00

JULY COVER DATE

SHIPPING JUNE 2

☐ **DARK KNIGHT ARCHIVES, VOLUME 1**

This hardcover volume continues DC's acclaimed ARCHIVE editions, reprinting early and much sought after chapters of comics history. The new Batman series collects issues BATMAN #1-4, from 1940. Stories feature Bob Kane's retelling of the origin of Batman, Robin, the Boy Wonder, Catwoman's first appearance and the subsequent debut of her costume, and the origin of the Joker. 288 pages. (Hardcover) $39.95

☐ **BATMAN & DRACULA: RED RAIN TRADE PAPERBACK EDITION**

DC brings you the trade paperback edition of BATMAN & DRACULA: RED RAIN, an imaginary tale of Elseworlds. The Batman has always been a creature of the night, but he's never existed in a realm as dark as that of the legendary king of the vampires, Count Dracula. Written by Doug Moench, with art by Kelley Jones and Malcolm Jones III. Color by Les Dorscheid. 96 pages. (Trade paperback) $9.95

...squirming now, back to "life"...

BATMAN & DRACULA: RED RAIN TRADE PAPERBACK EDITION

☐ **BATMAN: RUN, RIDDLER, RUN #2**

Batman has been framed for a murder he did not commit... and only the Riddler can help him prove his innocence. Written by Gerard Jones, with art and painted cover by Mark Badger. (Prestige Format) $4.95

☐ **DOOM PATROL #57**

In this special double-sized issue, Cliff is paralyzed and the Chief finally reveals the true history of the Doom Patrol. The world's strangest heroes will never recover from these shocking secrets. Written by Grant Morrison, with art by Richard Case, Stan Woch, and Mark McKenna. Painted cover by Simon Bisley. (New Format. Suggested for Mature Readers.) 48 pages. $2.50

☐ **GREEN LANTERN ANNUAL #1**

"The Darkness Within" Annual Crossover Event continues. To get Green Lantern's power, Eclipso needs Hal Jordan, so he slowly possesses one person after another, including Guy Gardner and Carol Ferris. These victims must fulfill their vengeance fantasies... but Carol's Star Sapphire persona wants Hal dead. Written by Gerard Jones, with art by Andrew Smith and John Beatty. Cover by Bill Willingham. 64 pages. $2.50

GREEN LANTERN ANNUAL #1

☐ **STAR TREK™: THE NEXT GENERATION® #36**

Part 2 of this 3-part, biweekly storyline featuring Q. The *Enterprise* is ferrying aliens who despise Klingons... a problem, since Q has transformed the ship's crew into Klingons, leaving Picard to deal with a major diplomatic mess. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Ken Penders and Pablo Marcos. Cover by Jerome Moore. (New Format) $1.75

☐ **GREEN ARROW #64**

Part 2 of the 4-part "The Hunt for the Red Dragon": Green Arrow and Black Canary continue their confrontation with the Japanese Yakuza. Written by Mike Grell, with art by Rick Hoberg and John Nyberg. Painted cover by Grell. (New Format) $1.50

☐ **BATMAN #482**

Now shipping biweekly. Part 2 of the 2-part "Messenger of Zeus": Maxie's assistant becomes the villainous Harpy, wreaking havoc on the recalcitrant members of Maxie's gang. Written by Doug Moench, with art and cover by Jim Aparo. $1.25

☐ **DETECTIVE COMICS #646**

Part 3 of the 3-part "Electric City," continued from DETECTIVE COMICS #645. Galvan continues his killing spree until only one name remains on his hit list... Commissioner Gordon. It's up to Batman and Robin to prevent the murder and expose the role of the Electrocutioner. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Tom Lyle and Scott Hanna. Cover by Michael Golden. $1.25

☐ **THE FLY #12**

An agent of the Web invades the Troy house to learn the connection between young Jason Troy and the Fly, leading to an action-packed confrontation between the agent and the hero... but the Fly doesn't have any idea who he's fighting. Written by Len Strazewski, with art by Mike Parobeck and Paul Fricke. Cover by Parobeck and John Beatty. $1.25

☐ **JUSTICE LEAGUE EUROPE #40**

Hal Jordan joins Justice League Europe! And, temporarily without a headquarters, the JLE joins Metamorpho in his investigation of the strange occurrences at the site of an archaeological dig. Hal leads his team into a confrontation with the ancient evil of Dithon. Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by Ron Randall and Randy Elliott. $1.25

☐ **ACTION COMICS #679**

The Washington, D.C. bureau of the Special Crimes Unit has its hands full cleaning up after the Sons of Liberty scandal. Also, Pete Ross decides whether to run for the U.S. Senate. Written by Roger Stern, with art by Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier. Cover by Art Thibert. $1.00

☐ **THE CRUSADERS #1**

The Crusaders — all young and untried — find their backs against a wall with the deadly Kalathar closing in! Written by Brian Augustyn and Mark Waid, and pencilled by R.A. Morales. Cover by Dan Jurgens and Keith Williams. $1.00

JULY COVER DATE

SHIPPING JUNE 9

☐ **BATMAN: GOTHIC TRADE PAPERBACK**
DC Comics collects BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #6-10 in one trade paperback edition. "Gothic" graphically dramatizes Batman's search for a brutal serial killer with the strange assistance of Gotham's criminal element. Written by Grant Morrison, with art and new cover by Klaus Janson. BATMAN: GOTHIC TRADE PAPERBACK also contains an introduction by F. Paul Wilson. 128 pages. *(Trade paperback)* $12.95

☐ **CATWOMAN DEFIANT**
In this one-shot story, the Catwoman is used as a pawn in a trap to capture a Gotham City crime boss, forcing the Batman to save "the beauty" before she is destroyed by the Beast. Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Tom Grindberg and Dick Giordano. Painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze, designed to interconnect and be displayed side by side with PENGUIN TRIUMPHANT. *(Prestige Format)* $4.95

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☐ **PENGUIN TRIUMPHANT**
In this one-shot graphic novel, the Penguin decides to become a legitimate businessman, his goal to take over Wall Street... and crush business rival Bruce Wayne. Written by John Ostrander, with art by Joe Staton and Robin Smith. Painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze, with a foil-finished logo, and designed to interconnect and be displayed side by side with CATWOMAN DEFIANT. *(Prestige Format)* $4.95

I'LL GO LEGIT.

PENGUIN TRIUMPHANT

☐ **DOOM FORCE SPECIAL #1**
It's "Judgment Day," as, one year from today, a group of fighting misfits with fantastic powers and gorgeous bodies fight for the cause of good... and one member will die! They may be the Doom Patrol of the future... or not. Written by Grant Morrison, with art by Keith Giffen, Paris Cullins, Richard Case, Stan Pugh, Ken Steacy, Duke Mighten, Walt Simonson, Brad Vancata, Mark McKenna, and Ray Kryssing. Cover by Giffen and Mike Mignola. 64 pages. *(New Format. Suggested for Mature Readers)* $3.95

☐ **DETECTIVE COMICS ANNUAL #5**
"The Darkness Within" Annual Crossover Event continues. The Ventriloquist helps the Joker escape from Arkham Asylum, inspiring rage in the heart of Commissioner Gordon...rage that triggers the madness within him and releases an Eclipso. Written by Alan Grant and John Wagner, with art by Tom Mandrake and Rick Magyar. 64 pages. $2.50

☐ **COOL WORLD™ #4**
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
The life of Holli the Spider hangs in the balance as human Frank Harris competes to save it — on a bizarre television game show. Meanwhile, the doodle mob's battle for possession of the "ultimate weapon" reaches its exciting conclusion as DC's special prequel miniseries ends, establishing Paramount's upcoming film Cool World, directed by Ralph Bakshi. Written by Michael Eury, with art by Stephen DeStefano, Chuck Fiala, and Bill Wray. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #2**
Now shipping biweekly: Part 2 of the 4-part "The Last Arkham": Batman is imprisoned in Arkham Asylum, a helpless victim of the mad, vengeful Jeremiah Arkham. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Norm Breyfogle. Painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze. *(New Format)* $1.50

BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #2

☐ **GREEN LANTERN: MOSAIC #3**
John Stewart discovers who is behind the destruction of the road that links all of Oa. It's Stewart himself!... along with a little help from an evil within! This storyline ties into the miniseries GUY GARDNER: REBORN. Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by Cully Hamner and Dan Panosian. $1.25

☐ **THE COMET #13**
The Comet has disintegrated into nothingness, his costume floating in space... and Rob Connors finally learns the true fate of his missing parents and discovers the true nature of his powers. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Kevin West and Jeff Albrecht. Cover by Michael Netzer and John Beatty. $1.00

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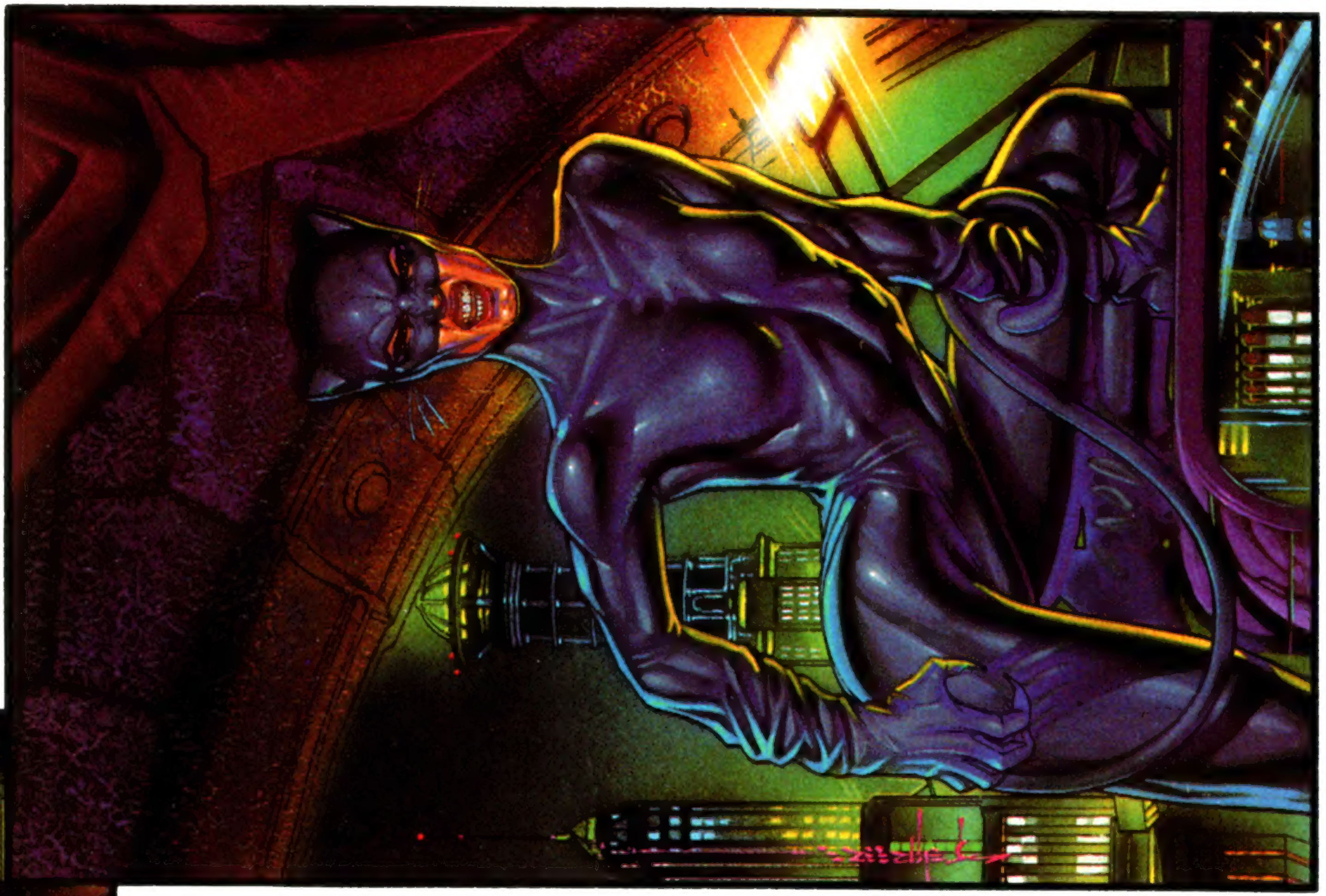

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